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BROKAW: If the Senate has its way, the president will have to bring those American troops home from Grenada within 60 days. That's the requirement of the War Powers Act which passed the Republican-controlled Senate today on a vote of 64-to-20. And Marvin Kalb, who has been following the intelligence angle, reports tonight that one side had a good idea of what was going to happen.

KALB: The American people were surprised, but it's now clear from the gathering intelligence that the Cubans were not. They were in position, armed and waiting for the U.S. to attack. The Cuban ship Vietnam Heroica was off shore, unloading arms and men prior to the invasion and relaying messages between Grenada and Cuba on the U.S. military buildup in the area and the imminent attack. Sources say that U.S. satellite intelligence on Grenada was good, though spotty. The president himself declassified one photograph of the Cuban-built runway last March. But detail on the ground intelligence is being described as awful--leading to one costly surprise after another for the invading American troops. Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin met today with Secretary of State Shultz, protesting that the Soviet mission on Grenada had been attacked. But officials here said this is not true, that the safety of the 49 Soviet diplomats and dependents there was being assured. Spokesman Alan Romberg admitted, however, that the U.S. knew nothing about another 40 or so communist officials who were also in the Soviet mission. ROMBERG: The presence of North Koreans, Bulgarians and East Germans came as a surprise to us, and was reportedly a shock to the governor-general.

KALB: Last Tuesday when the invasion began, top administration officials were estimating that U.S. forces could be pulled out within five to seven days. Now they're saying, 'when peace and stability are restored'--translated by these same officials to mean, weeks, maybe months. Marvin Kalb, NBC News, the State Department.